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S E C R E T SAIGON 3595

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, VS, TW

SUBJECT: LST LOAN

REF: A) STATE 069147; B) SAIGON 3316

1. GVN HAS RECONFIRMED REQUIREMENT FOR ADDITIONAL LST'S.
UP TO TWELVE ADDITIONAL VESSELS COULD BE
EFFECTIVELY UTILIZED IN MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES AND MILITARY UNITS
AND EQUIPMENT OUT OF MR-1.

2. AS NOTED IN REF B, GVN HAS ALREADY MADE FORMAL REQUEST TO
ROC FOR DIRECT ASSISTANCE IN MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES. SUGGEST EMBASSY

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TAIPEI PURSUE PARTICIPATION OF ROC-CREWED LST'S BASED

ON THIS DEMARCHE, NOTING THAT AN URGENT REQUIREMENT EXISTS FOR ALL THE VESSELS THEY CAN SPARE (UP TO TWELVE) FOR MOVEMENT OF CIVILIAN REFUGEES.

3. WITH RESPECT TO LOAN PROPOSAL, REQUIREMENT FOR GVN-MANNED LST'S, WHICH COULD BE UTILIZED FOR TRANSPORT OF MILITARY UNITS WE BELIEVE CHANCES OF SECURING ROC AGREEMENT TO THIS WOULD BE IMPROVED IF WE DELAYED RAISING IT UNTIL AFTER CIVILIAN REFUGEE EFFORT WAS UNDERWAY. AT THAT TIME, WE WOULD PROPOSE SEEKING LOAN OF SIX LST'S.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE IN PURSUING ROC DIRECT PARTICIPATION FIRST ON URGENT BASIS, WITH LOAN REQUEST TO BE MADE BY GVN AFTER THIS COMMENCES. LEHMANN UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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